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BULGARIAN IRRIGATION SYSTEMS CRITICIZED

IRRIGATION IN PLEVEN OKRUG LAGGING -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 21 Apr 53

Cooperative farmers in Aleksandrovo, Lovech Okoliya, have dug thus far 6,200 meters of trunk canals and 7,000 meters of auxiliary canals. Irrigation construction is proceeding also in Lukovit and Nikopol okoliiyas. In the area of Levski and Obnova, irrigation equipment has been made ready and over 10,000 decares of land will be assured of irrigation.

The Yasen irrigation system is one of the largest in Pleven Okoliya. The system covers the area between Disevitsa and Yasen. The canals near Yasen will provide water for Dolna Mitropoliya and Opanets. The chief of the "Vodno Stopanstvo" (Water Economy) Section in the area is Engineer Tzolov (fnu), who claims that the construction of the irrigation system is proceeding as scheduled. However, the Yasen irrigation system, which will irrigate about 10,000 decares of land, should have been completed in 1952. It is doubtful that it will be completed even in 1953. The planning of secondary canals in Dolna Mitropoliya has not begun, and siphons and other equipment have not been completed. The completion of some of this equipment will take from 30 to 40 days more.

Little care is being taken of construction material which has been received on time /at the Yasen irrigation site/. The chairman of the construction committee in the area, Petkov (fnu), believes that irrigation of the area will not take place for another year. Serious mistakes are committed by some technicians. For example, a technician of the "Vodno Stopanstvo" Section in Pleven Okrug made a blueprint for a canal in Orekhovitsa, the digging of which would take 10,000 to 15,000 man-days. Hundreds of man-days already had been spent, when another technician ordered work to be stopped because he had prepared a blueprint for another canal.

The installation of irrigation equipment is proceeding very slowly in Makhlata, where much of the construction work is incomplete.

There is a lack of specialists at the construction sites.

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The Pleven Okoliya People's Soviet and the party are also responsible for the shortcomings as regards the irrigation in the region.

IRRIGATION SYSTEM UNDER CONSTRUCTION -- Ruse, Dunavska Pravda, 14 Apr 53

In Ruse Okrug, in addition to the Brushlyan irrigation system, the Sandrovo irrigation system is under construction. For this project Isprikh Okoliya contributed 507 workers; Kubrat, 384; Razgrad, 397; Dulovo, 234; Silistra, 202; and Byala Okoliya, 124. However, the "Vodstroy" (Water Construction) Management so far has been unable to secure sufficient construction material, such as cement, ballast, and boards for scaffolding. This delays the construction of the trunk and other canals. The technical management for construction is guilty of poor planning. For example, on 9 April 1953, 80 workers from Isprikh Okoliya and 43 from Silistra Okoliya were inactive until noon, as were TKZS (cooperative labor farm) members from Ryakhovo Slivo pole and from Sandrovo.

NONFULFILLMENT OF IRRIGATION PLAN IN BRUSHLYAN -- Ruse, Dunavska Pravda, 12 Jul 53

In 1952, poor organization and negligence on the part of local leaders led to nonfulfillment of the plan for irrigation in the area of the "Stalin" Brushlyan Irrigation System. As a result, high yields of agricultural crops were not achieved.

In 1953, measures were taken to prepare the system on time. Canals were repaired on schedule, the courses of the water were planned, and contracts were made with the chairmen of TKZS (cooperative labor farms).

The hourly plans were not fulfilled completely, however. Many TKZS chairmen underrated the value of irrigation and did not strive for fulfillment of the plan.

The management of the "Stalin" Irrigation System and the "Vodno Stopanstvo" Section of the Ruse Okrug People's Soviet failed to visit the irrigation sites. There is not enough harmony between the irrigation system employees and the TKZS managers. There have been many instances of unpleasant relations between the two groups, and irrigation of the fields on a 24-hour basis has not been organized.

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